Alvarado Intermediate School

GATE Program

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GATE Identification

Students are identified in late January through early March of each school year in elementary school.

The current requirement for students being considered for GATE by the school district criteria alone is they MUST have scored “Met or Exceeded Grade Level Standard” in English and Mathematics.
GATE Progressions

GATE in Grades 4 through 6

• Three products in three different core areas each year.

• These products require different expectations in thinking levels and complexity.

GATE in Grades 7 through 12

• Products and projects are completed in all core classes.

• Differentiated instruction in all core areas in 7th grade

• **Opportunities** offer varied expectations, levels of critical thinking, and complexity as they foster enrichment, divergent thinking, and creativity

• Our goal is to develop students both academically and socially
Challenging Classes

• Differentiated Instruction in 7th grade offers:
  - Complexity
  - Open-ended results
  - Collaborative learning
  - Enrichment
  - Extended learning of standards
  - Project-Based Learning (PBL)

• Prepare for Honors Only in 8th grade!
Advanced On-Campus Classes

• Honors academic classes
  - English
  - Social studies
  - Science
  - Math classes

- These classes include all CCSS; however, they do
  • Move at an accelerated rate
  • Emphasize higher-order thinking skills
  • Problem-solving skills
  • Communication and collaboration with peers
  • Require significant outside reading and research
High School Classes

- Algebra
- Geometry
- Algebra II
- Chinese 1 & 2
- College & Career Ready Labs (STEM)
- Spanish (depending on interest)
- Intro. & Advanced Computer Science
Performance / Classes

- Marching Band
- Drumline
- Orchestra
- Choir
- Color Guard
- ASB
- Leadership
- AVID
After-School Clubs

- AIS Dance Club
- Navigators
- Art Club
- Sports
- Science Olympiad
- FCCLA (Family, Community, Career Leaders of America)
- Math Counts (Fast-paced advanced mathematics; Nationally ranked)
- FBLA (Future Business Leaders of America)
- Debate team
Student Support

- Student Service Center
  - Counselors and guidance assistants
  - California Career Zone
  - Push-in lessons on Growth Mindset
- Academic and personal counseling
- After-school academic assistance
- Homework posted on websites
- Teacher/parent conferences
- School and teacher websites
Many Opportunities at Middle School Level

- Challenging curriculum and opportunities
- Advanced rigorous on-campus courses
- Advanced high school credit classes
- After-school extended curriculum
- Wide variety of competitions
- Field trips:
  - TBD Science Honors (8th)
  - East Coast Trip (8th)
  - College visits (8th only)
  - Career Oriented (7th only)
Social Media

Follow us on Twitter and Instagram

Twitter: @AISMatadors

Instagram: alvarado.matadors
GATE Parent Involvement

GATE Parent Advisory Committee Meeting schedule for the 2019-2020 School Year:

October 18, January 24, and April 17
(9:00 AM-10:30 AM – District Board Room)

• Parents meet to discuss information about upcoming district events, share information about district programs, and receive training in mini-workshops on topics that relate to GATE students.

• Families of GATE students also participate in a GATE Family Night at least once a year that involves creativity and thinking outside the box, in a fun and engaging experience.

• Outside agencies provide enrichment opportunities such as Super Saturday events and GATE debate programs. Other opportunities will develop throughout the year as parents and students voice interests.
Need More Information?

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